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Downtown bars form league to curb noise

By Tim Brennan
Winonan

In an effort to curb the number of police calls to downtown bars, nine downtown Winona bars in accordance with the Winona Police Department have created the Winona Downtown Tavern Association.

In the downtown area of Winona, particularly along Third Street outside of the bars, is where bar patrons have been creating problems. Large crowds of people have been leaving the bars at the same time and loitering on the streets, said Craig Yahnke, owner of Tiger's. The large crowds on the streets have caused local tenants to call in noise complaints.

"At bar time, instead of people dispersing and going home, they congregate outside of the bar and begin to get noisy and rowdy," Yahnke said.

According to Dan English, owner of Mulligan's Irish

Pub, one of the first ideas the association has come up with to deter people from getting noisy in the streets is to place signs at the exits asking people to be quiet as they leave the bars. Other bar owners are strictly enforcing against patrons leaving their bars with drinks, which reduces the amount of litter in the streets.

Winona's Safe Ride bus system recently changed its schedule to accommodate more bar goers during bar times, English said.

Another possible idea the association has considered is to eliminate all-you-can-drink specials at the bars.

Winona State student Ben Rohling said, "(Ending all-you-can-drink specials) would control how many drinks people have because they will have to continuously go to the bar and buy individual drinks, but I don't think it's fair to

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Winona State institutes Star Alert emergency notification system

By Vincent Dumas
Winonan

Last week, Winona State University instituted a new

system aimed at curbing the risk to students in cases of emergency. The program,

called the Star Alert, will utilize new and popular technologies

to make the campus a safer place.

While the system will be used in many situations, including fires, tornados, and other

natural occurrences, the main reason behind the adoption of the program is campus system, such as school shootings, the administration sought a quick

and easy to use notification system.

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A student's tattoo led to a near-death experience

By Rachel Smith
Winonan

Anne's* decision to get another tattoo two weeks ago was impromptu. She wanted to get three colored stars on her right forearm to add to her collection of 11 other tattoos.

A resident of Wabasha, Minn., Anne chose a tattoo parlor in downtown Winona because she had never been there and she thought she'd give the new business a try.

Within 36 hours, she was in the hospital.

Anne noticed something was wrong Thursday afternoon. The pain she normally felt after

getting a tattoo "wasn't quite right."

She said she had been sure to properly follow her instructions of tattoo care.

Early the next morning, however, Anne awoke to strong pain.

"It was like someone was holding my arm over the burner of the stove. It was on fire and swollen and red," Anne said.

When she went to the emergency room, Anne's doctors were surprised by the infection. As it progressed, the infection blistered and peeled



Photo by Fred Schulze/Winonan

Anne's newest tattoo of three stars on her right forearm looks healed, but the memory of her near-death experience will forever be marked on her skin.

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Senate approves a 3 percent increase for the athletic fee

By Caitlin Johnson
Winonan

Last Wednesday, the Student Senate at Winona State University approved a 3 percent increase on the athletic fee.

The athletic fee is paid by every student at Winona State and used to pay for athletics. It is split up between every team on campus and used in their budget to pay for expenses such as travel, lodging and food.

Larry Holstad, the athletic director at Winona State, said he proposed the increase of the athletic fee because the cost of living has gone up.

"Everything is increasing in costs," he said.

Everyone on campus pays the fees and the athletic fee is 15 percent of the total athletic budget.

"We took away the cost for students getting into games," said Holstad. "We didn't want to hit the students up twice

when they were already paying the athletic fee."

Holstad said another positive aspect with using the athletic fee is instead of relying on gate receipts from games is that coaches can plan on costs better and stay within budget.

Also, colleges are required to offer student athletes secondary insurance.

"The insurance costs were poorly managed and were increasing each year," said Holstad. "When I became athletic director, we were paying \$60,000 to \$70,000 a year. Now we manage this better."

The insurance is now paid out of the athletic fee instead of charging athletes more.

The fee is divided among the teams on campus by the size of the teams and the schedule that they keep for away games.

Josh Martin, member of the Student Fee Management Committee (SFMC) for a year

and a half and member of the Student Senate, was part of the process of approving the athletic fee increase.

SFMC is one of the university groups who deal with fees on campus.

"We deal with tuition, room and board, and pretty much all the fees on campus," Martin said.

A fee goes through administration first and then must be approved by SFMC and Student Senate.

The final step for a change in fee is to have President Judith Ramaley sign off on the fee.

The last increase was approved by SFMC Jan. 27.

"Ramaley usually just signs off on fees once they have been approved by SFMC and Student Senate," said Martin.

Fees regularly increase for students at Winona State. This year, the increase is due to

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Star Alert is capable of sending out e-mails and text messages to students who sign up for the program.

"Over 2,000 people have opted into the program already," said Kurt Lohide, the Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services at Winona State.

It is not necessary for every student to enter the program for it to be effective.

Lohide said if 30 to 40 percent of the students get the message, they will notify their friends of the situation, thus dispersing the news to those not signed up.

The system can be accessed on any computer by administrators and officials with the proper passwords.

From there, they can either send out form messages or custom messages tailored to particular situations.

"Go into the Star Alert system, hit a code and send out the message," said Lohide.

The texts and e-mails sent will not only contain information about the situation and the specifics of the circumstances,

but will also often give explicit instruction to students on how to proceed.

The system, which is connected to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Associations, will provide up to date and accurate information about weather disturbances and give warnings.

Lohide said tornado warnings are expected to be the most common usage for the Star Alert program.

The program is free of charge, though students must have texts enabled on their phones in order to receive the text notifications.

The registration process was made especially simple to encourage students and faculty alike to sign up for the Star Alert program.

Student and faculty can still sign up for the program at www.winona.edu/staralert. The program goes into effect March 9.

"I am really glad they are doing the new program," said senior Ryan Simafranca. "It really makes campus seem a lot more safe and secure. The

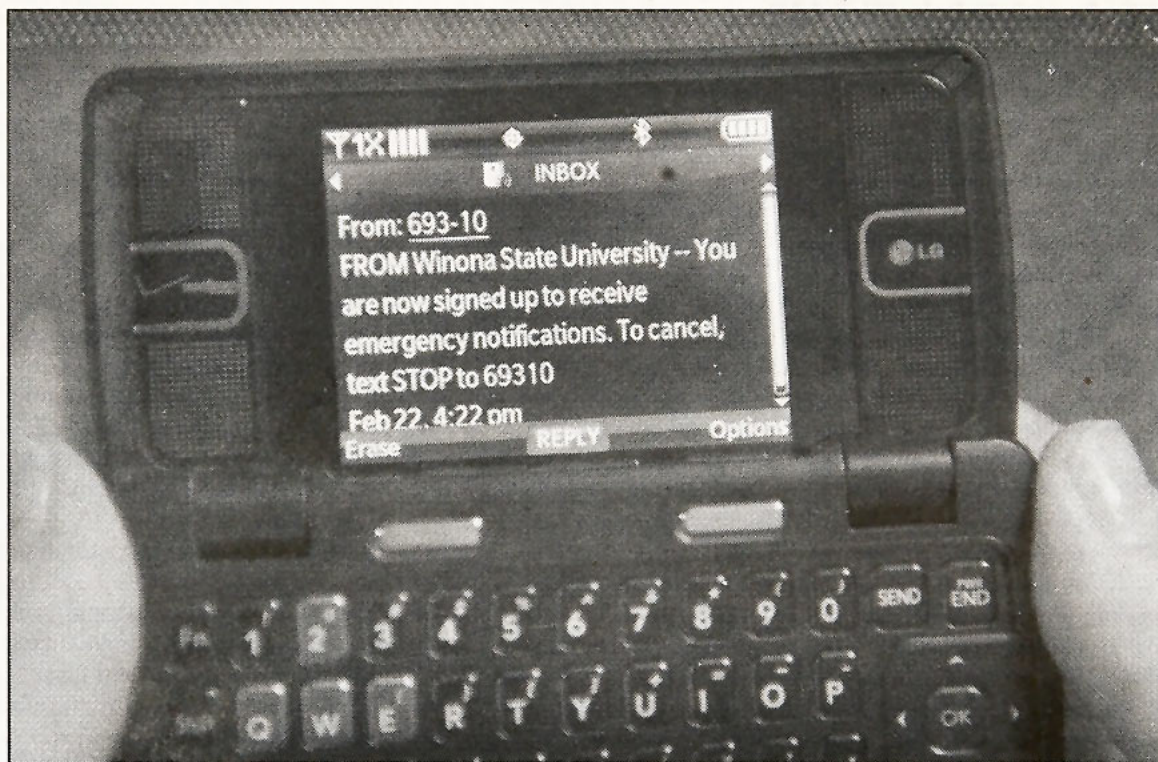


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Winona State University implemented the Star Alert system Feb. 17. The system sends messages to students and staff through texts and e-mail during emergencies that threaten life or safety and/or severely impact standard campus operations.

idea of a school shooting really scares me," he said.

Brandon Kenyon, a sophomore, also thought highly of the program, though slightly skeptical.

"The new Star Alert system

seems like a good idea, but I just wonder how much more it can really help," he said.

Star Alert is being instituted by universities and schools across the nation, which indicates that those who have

been using it have seen a positive response.

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Study shows that students with higher grades get jobs

By Jessica Larsen
Winonan

Work didn't create higher grades, people with higher grades got jobs, said Economics and Finance professor Michael Wenz Wednesday at Winona State University.

Wenz presented research on the effects a job has on a student's GPA as part of the Athenaeum Series.

Professor Wei-Choun Yu, a Winona State Economics and Finance professor, was Wenz's partner in the research project.

The research was gathered from previous assessment day surveys and the Winona State data book.

Wenz said that national trends of students who worked in 1970 were one in three students.

Today, one in two students work. At Winona State, 57 percent of students work. This includes full-time students engaged in on-campus jobs and off-campus jobs during the school year.

"In the last four years, there has been an increase in freshmen employment," said Wenz. "So we are trending upward."

According to the research of Wenz and Yu, students who do not work have an average GPA of 3.03.

The average GPA of students who work on-campus is 3.28. The average GPA of students who work off-campus is 3.03.

Wenz said that it is tempting to look at the data and think the secret to getting good grades is to get an on-campus job.

The results from the study show that working may or may not be a good idea, but it is not good for your grades.

A job has a modest effect on grades. For every 10 hours worked, 0.07 is taken off of the student's GPA.

"In the research, we use the survey question 'Why do you work?' to see if the work motivations of students affect their GPA or not," said Yu. "We found that those who go to work to earn experience had a negative impact on their GPA of 0.05 while those who go to work to earn specific skill had a positive impact on their GPA of 0.04."

The results showed that good students were more likely to work.

"Students who are more

likely to get good grades are also more likely to hold good jobs," said Wenz.

Rachel Bengtson, a Winona State sophomore taking 16 credits, does not work during school.

"I believe strongly that working affects your classroom performance," she said. "Sometimes, for example, when you really feel like studying and you have to go to work, then getting back from work you feel like relaxing, not really getting any work done."

"The people who spend a lot of time on the research suggested that the two most important things for determining people's earnings are the level of education and the level of work experience," said Wenz.

According to www.winona.edu/air/ir/DataBook/default.htm, a Winona State Web site used to convey grades and enrollment data, the colleges with the most students working in 2008 was the college of education and liberal arts.

The college with the least amount of students working was the College of Nursing. The colleges with the highest GPA were the colleges of Education and Nursing.

Key results in this research are that work is associated with higher grades but each hour of work lowers students' GPA. Motivations for working matter.

Those who are working for career

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TATTOO

like a second-degree burn.

Anne's physician told her that he had never seen anything like it before and consulted with a dermatologist from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

When her temperature continued to rise, her doctor decided she should be sent to the hospital.

There, doctors calculated Anne's white blood cell count was about 36,000. A normal person's blood cell count is 10,800. Shocked by her results, doctors at the hospital told her that if she had waited 24 hours more, they would have had to amputate her arm or she would have died because she would have been so septic.

"My doctor was scared in his face and I could read that, which made me extra scared," she said.

By Sunday evening, her white blood cell count was returning to normal because of the high doses of IV antibiotics she had been receiving every day. By Monday, she was released.

Now she has a pick line, a semi-permanent line that comes in through her arm and goes into her carotid artery. For two weeks, Anne has been receiving in an IV antibiotic treatment.

Although her latest experience at the tattoo parlor was negative, Anne's main concern informing people about the possible risks.

"There are some who have never done this before and may not think anything of it until it's too late," she said.

Anne has been speaking with an attorney and said her priority is to work with the legislator and

hopes to spearhead a campaign to have some health regulations for the state of Minnesota.

Currently, tattoo parlors are not regulated by state government in the state, which means that many tattoo parlors don't have to be inspected by a state health inspector. Anne said her biggest concern is for those new to tattoos that may not recognize symptoms of infection.

"I don't want to monsteratize the parlor either because they are very nice people and because this could have been just a freak accident and I don't want to demonize the tattoo business either," Anne said. "I just want people to be cautious and aware."

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BAR

the customers who have acted good, they should just watch for the people who have had a history of problems."

Another Winona State student, Mark Melde shared his view regarding all-you-can-drink specials.

"I don't think (ending all-you-can-drink specials) is the solution to the rowdiness problems," Melde said. "I think individuals will still drink and get noisy with or without the specials."

English said that no bars have committed to eliminating their all-you-can-drink specials at this time.

If individuals repetitively cause trouble at the bars, bar owners could consider issuing trespass letters to ban the individuals.

Other bars in the association

could choose to ban the same individuals as well.

The nine bars in the Winona Downtown Tavern Association include Gabby's Bar and Lounge, Mulligan's Irish Pub, Schyde's Drinks and Whatnot, Brothers Bar and Grill, McCune's Public House, Tiger's, the Draught Haus, Ed's No Name Bar, and the Market Street Tap.

The association is not yet an official legal entity, but owners hope to expand.

"Right now we are informal. What we would like to do eventually is to raise some money and give back to the community," English said.

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Security Incidents

Tuesday, Feb. 10

6:42 p.m. - Two students reported the theft of their unattended laptops from the library around 5:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., the students reported that they left their laptops unattended and when they returned the laptops were missing.

10:27 p.m. - Security assisted with the removal of an unwanted individual from Chartwells. Winona Police were also called to assist.

Thursday, Feb. 12

6:36 p.m. - Security received a report of a student making threats on his Facebook account. Matter referred to Student Life and Development and the Director of Security.

Friday, Feb. 13

6:30 a.m. - An individual was

found sleeping in Sheehan Hall. Contact was made with the student who signed him in. Matter was also referred to the Hall Director.

10:25 p.m. - Winona Police and Security responded to Lourdes regarding an intoxicated individual. The subject was eventually transported to the hospital.

11:53 p.m. - Winona Police and Security responded to Sheehan regarding an intoxicated student. Student was issued a citation for Minor Consuming.

Saturday, Feb. 14

12:55 a.m. - EMS and Security responded to the bus stop near Lourdes regarding an intoxicated student. After an assessment the student was transported to the hospital.

9:35 p.m. - Several students were cited for attempting to

bring alcohol onto the WSU Shuttle. Matter was referred to the Conduct Officer.

10:35 p.m. - Several students were cited for an alcohol violation in the Quad. Referred to the Hall Director.

11:10 p.m. - A non-student was warned about an alcohol violation near the Gazebo.

11:25 p.m. - Parents were unable to locate a student on campus and requested assistance from Security. Student located.

11:38 p.m. - Security assisted Residence Life with an alcohol violation in Prentiss-Lucas. Referred to the Hall Director.

Sunday, Feb. 15

3:28 a.m. - A student was cited for attempting to bring alcohol into Sheehan. Referred to the Hall Director.

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training, it positively affects GPAs.

For those working for general training, it negatively affects GPAs.

Financial motivation doesn't have a big effect.

Kaylee Nelson, a Winona State student, works 40 hours per week at Home and Community Options and is taking 13 credits.

"I did not have a job my freshman year," Nelson said. "My grades actually improved when I had a job my sophomore year."

She said that she thinks working affects her classroom performance because she has

a balance between work and school.

According to Wenz, the motivation for doing this research came from the older faculty in the economics department who said students are increasingly distracted by their jobs.

The students were saying classroom learning is increasingly irrelevant and college is increasingly expensive.

"We began considering this project in September of 2007 and added questions to the assessment day surveys last spring," said Wenz.

The formal research

paper is entitled "Term Time Employment and the Academic Performance of Undergraduates."

It is currently under review at an academic journal. Wenz is hoping to have it published.

The data used in this research consisted of students who have been enrolled since Fall 2004, and have completed at least one assessment day survey, were enrolled full time, entered WSU prior to age 21 and worked fewer hours than 30 per week. This was 6,992 observations.

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inflationary costs, Martin said.

Holstad prepared the athletic fee budget to be presented to SFMC and proposed the increase for the coming year. SFMC voted on the budget increase.

After that, they made a recommendation in favor of the increase to be presented to Student Senate.

"I feel that a 3 percent increase is reasonable," said

Martin. "The conference that our teams are a part of is scattered around so travel fees are higher. Also, the athletic fee only increased by 2 percent last year."

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Math/Stats Department Hosts Colloquium Speaker

PLACE: 320 Gildemeister
TIME: Noon
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Thursday

Fat Tuesday Food Drive Sale

PLACE: WSU Bookstore
TIME: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
CONTACT: E-mail the WSU Bookstore at
WSUBookstore@winona.edu

Mugshots Coffee House Live Music

PLACE: The cafe in Lourdes, West Campus
TIME: 8 p.m.
CONTACT: E-mail Mugshots at Mugshots@
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Friday

Global Awareness Day

PLACE: Rollingstone Community
Elementary School, Rollingstone, Minn.
TIME: All Day
CONTACT: E-mail CulturalOutreach@
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Physics Seminar

PLACE: Pasteur 237
TIME: 2 p.m.
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Saturday

Steve and Michelle Walker

PLACE: Acoustic Café, 77 Lafayette St.
TIME: 8 to 10:30 p.m.
CONTACT: Call the Acoustic Café at (507)
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Sunday

"The Long Christmas Ride Home"

PLACE: Valência Arts Center, 1164 W.
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CONTACT: Call the arts center at (507) 457-
1715

Monday

Tuesday

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SPRING BREAK!



Simple solutions will not 'stop the crash'



By Brian Sanders
Winonan

A couple weeks ago, students rallied to "Stop the Crash!" and insisted that the state invest more money in education. While I love and take full benefit of state-funded education, I'm not sure that this will do much to stop the crash.

As a doomsayer, it has been eye-opening to watch people's reactions to the news of economic slowdown over the last year or two.

Much like the anger over rising gas prices in prior years,

Americans are under the impression that we are entitled to something and are furious when we can't have that the way we expected.

In this case, it is traditional economic growth, something we have come to expect since the beginning of our nation.

We've become comfortable with this system and expect it as our birthright.

We go to college for the career we want and expect to have a well-paying job in that field right after we graduate.

We expect every reasonably intelligent high schooler will be able to afford college, get a great job, and the economy will continue to roll.

We expect our elected leaders to do everything in their ability to preserve this system.

And that's exactly what's happening now. Everyone wants the current recession to just be a slight blip in the ever-

growing economy. I can't help but believe that what we're experiencing is not a temporary recession but the start of a shift toward a new economy.

Our unsustainable desires are finally catching up and pushing back. We have had unprecedented growth based on revolving credit, industrial production, and cheap energy. Now that cheap oil is reaching a peak, our expectations of continued conventional economic growth are likely to end in great disappointment.

It hurts to see that this is not the message being relayed to fellow citizens by our elected officials — though this is by no means surprising.

In a democracy where your job is always on the line, it is in your interest to sedate those who voted for you with positive news. Hope is a successful way to get people on your side. Are people ready to hear that we

won't be able to sustain our economy forever? That cheap energy is going away, and that contraction might be the rule of the future?

Based on the reactions I've seen toward the current economic climate, I would say that they're not ready to hear that.

People don't want our lifestyle to change; they want the economy to be "fixed." Bailouts and stimulus packages are issued under the pretense that the Dow Jones just needs a catalyst to recover.

Current students expect tuition to stay low so everyone can go to college easily. Graduated students wait for the economy to recover so they can have their dream job. Politicians offer us hope while borrowing more from future generations.

I'm not sure how much people, including our elected

officials, understand the current situation in relation to peak oil and see their current actions as an attempt to sustain the unsustainable.

But the fact is, we can't expect suburbia, unlimited credit cards, car culture, and cheap college education for everyone to last forever. There has to be a limit on our growth at some point, when our growth is based on unsustainable resource exploitation.

I will be happy to use more public money to finance my education.

And that may help improve the future.

But the situation is much deeper than expecting an increase in state education funding, or an Obama stimulus package for that matter, to "stop the crash."

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Dear whole wheat bread: I hate you



By Kate Kallenberger
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I like to keep a certain kind of balance in my life.

I like to organize my books by size, my clothing by color.

I cannot wear socks that are not identical.

And every time I find myself hating something or someone, I force myself to acknowledge something or someone else I very much enjoy. And because

sharing is caring, here is an example of the balancing act.

I hate Bono, the lead singer of U2. It is an unexplainable hate, but I do, in fact, hate him. Each time I hear him sing, I imagine Santa Claus handing a child a beautifully wrapped gift and then tearing it out of their grateful and deserving hands.

I like dogs more than a lot. I like them more than humans most of the time. I have yet to meet a dog that I didn't like. Even my best friend's dog, the scariest dog I have ever met, I can see the good in. (Don't worry, Mrs. S., maybe someday she won't urinate on my Birkenstocks or eat my hair when I am lying down. Someday.)

I hate obsessive rule followers. There are some rules

I am willing to follow.

For example, I have never crossed a crosswalk without the spotlight telling me to.

I am more than willing to obey the unwritten rules of shotgun. If someone yells it before I do, I commend them on their competitive spirit.

But I cannot stand people who get uptight about skipping class, double-dipping or digging around the men's \$2.50 bin at Goodwill.

All of the above are rules that can be broken.

Don't judge me based on the men's bin thing. I like those shiny athletic shorts. They're soft.

I love, yes love, not like, moccasins.

I own somewhere between one and twenty-four pairs.

(That number may or may not be closer to five.)

They are warm with a pair of wool socks in the winter, breathable with no socks in the spring.

Versatility is a virtue.

They are stylish (yes) and have not totally caught on in the mainstream.

I don't think we will be seeing them in New York Fashion Week anytime soon.

A little peace of mind goes a long way.

I hate whole wheat bread. I don't like biting into a turkey sandwich only to find nuts and oats.

If I wanted that kind of texture, I would have eaten a pinecone.

Whole wheat bread is the bane of my existence. It is the

Lord Voldemort to my Harry Potter, the King Claudius to my Hamlet.

But alas, I eat it anyway. But that is only because if you roll Wonder Bread into a ball it maintains its shape. That's just disturbing.

I think life could use more of a symmetrical aspect.

I like the whole love/hate, light/dark, hippies/rest of the world thing.

It is the same reason I like even numbers more than odd numbers and prefer a nice, centered backpack rather than a messenger bag.

It is balanced and it is equal. And that, to finish on a high note, is something I love.

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Keep an eye out for the...

SPRING BREAK PRIZE PATROL!

If you're caught reading the Winonan today in Kryzsko Commons, you could win a prize pack to make your spring break better!

Letters to the Editor

Think before you eat meat

So, having been a vegetarian for six years now and an avid animal rights activist, I get questions all the time.

Some of the most common ones are, "Why did you go vegetarian?" "Are you like, a PETA nut?" "Uhh, do you just eat salad?"

Having grown up a huge animal lover, I owned guinea pigs, fish, mice, frogs and pretty much everything else I could talk my parents into letting me rescue.

Well, during my freshman

year in high school, my mom and I decided to try going vegetarian, just for a couple of weeks.

Six years of vegetarianism have passed since then and I have not looked back.

At first, it was hard. I thought, like most people do, that I had to replace the centerpiece of the average American meal: A big, juicy steak.

I tried replacing meat with cheese, nuts, tofu, peanut butter, you name it.

After a couple of years went by, I got better at the whole meat-free thing and I realized that meals do not need to be made up around a big portion of juicy, dead animal. I have

also become more aware of where meat comes from and the dangers it poses to our health and our environment.

The first thing to know about meat is where to get it. Local farms with grass fed animals tend to be leaner and actually live a somewhat fulfilling life outside. The unhealthiest kinds of meat come from factory farms.

Factory farms are second in pollution only to cars and automobiles.

According to Environmental Defense, if every American skipped one meal of chicken per week and substituted vegetarian foods instead, the carbon dioxide savings would be the same as taking more than a half-million cars off U.S. roads.

That is the reality of factory farms. They are the Walmarts of the meat industry. They take in animals and spit out chicken, pork and beef as quickly and as cheaply as possible.

One example would be factory farm tycoon Tyson foods.

They sell meat to Walmart, McDonalds, Taco Bell, Taco Johns, Wendy's and countless other food chains. That these supposedly different cuisine options all have similar origins is interesting. It is also interesting that none of the animals raised in factory farms

are grass fed and all of them are pumped full of growth hormones and antibiotics.

This is done to get the fattest animals and pump them full of drugs so that they may be subject to horrible conditions and still live to be slaughtered. (ironic, isn't it?)

Animal cruelty is a side factor to the pollution and poor conditions of factory farming.

Pigs, animals that are as intelligent as the average pet dog, often go insane in factory farms.

They are penned up so tightly they can barely move, and spend all day gnawing their teeth down to stubs, because the only stimulating thing they can think to do is to gnaw the bars of their steel cages.

Baby male chickens are also considered useless to factory farms. They cannot lay eggs, and the female chicken body tends to get a little fatter than a males. Millions of male chicks are thrown into dumpsters every year, they do not even get to make it to the slaughterhouse.

These are just a few gruesome examples. For more information, visit www.goveg.com.

Next time you look down at your plate, really think about where it came from.

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Secret bookworms come out of the closet

By Rebecca Erdmann
Winonan

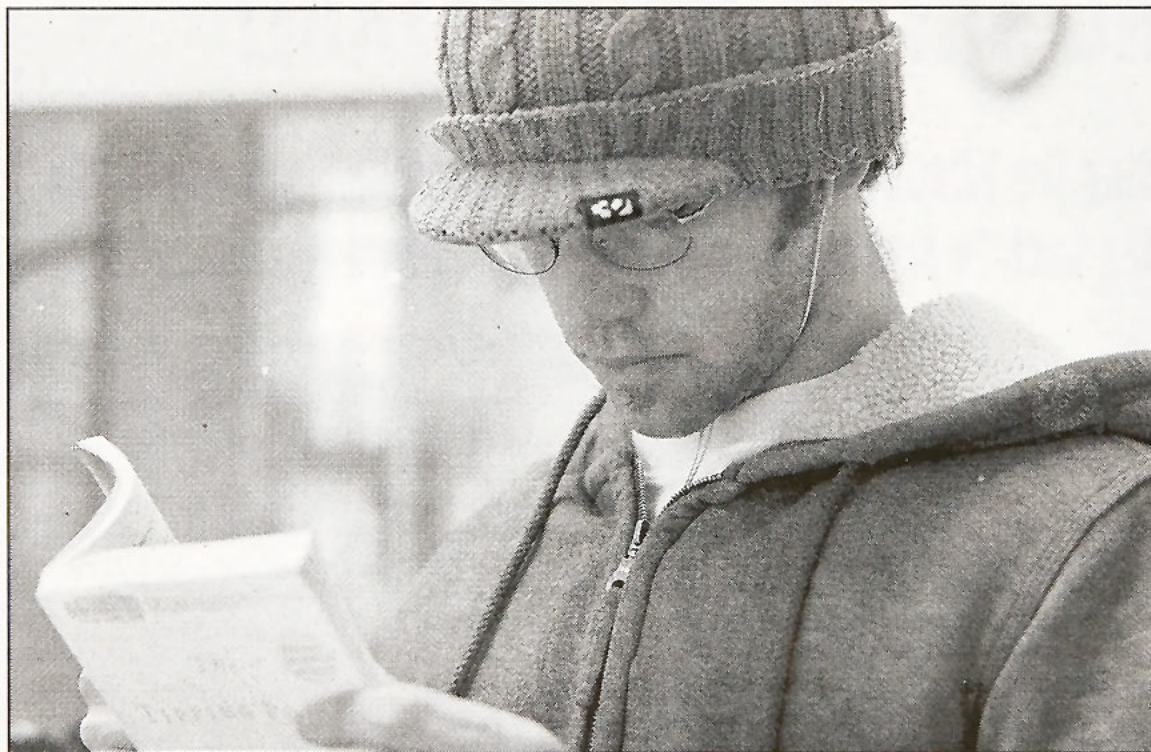
Kim Streblow won't be seen on campus reading simply for the sake of entertainment not because she never reads, but because she doesn't want to be mocked for reading "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants," and other books that some might consider too juvenile.

Students are often so connected to computers, cell phones and iPods that it's necessary to unplug for a while.

Reading purely for entertainment is rare on campus, but in their free time, students often spend hours reading, even staying awake in the early morning hours to do so.

Streblow, like many students, chooses to read for fun, as a break from real life.

As an English minor, she says she has to make sure that she doesn't unintentionally analyze her books that she reads for fun. While her taste



Jake Begley, a fifth-year accounting student, reads "The Tipping Point" by Malcom Gladwell on Monday morning in the Winona State University library.

Photo by Nick Furlong/Winonan

in books varies, she said that she prefers love stories most often. She reads books by Nicholas Sparks purely for

entertainment. Streblow reads whenever she has free time usually on weekends or at night, depending on her schedule.

"My problem is I can't stop in the middle of a chapter. I have to finish it, so I stay up late," she said.

Many students choose to read books that let them escape from their normal, everyday lives.

"I read for fun, mostly fantasy, Harry Potter, Twilight, Artemis Fowl, to escape from real life," Natoli Barbera said.

Barbera is active in theater and has a lot of down time during productions.

"I was house manager during 'Five Women Wearing the Same Dress.' I had to sit in the lobby, so I always brought a book with me," she said.

Like many students, Barbera sometimes sacrifices a good night's sleep in favor of a good book.

"For 'Twilight,' I stayed up almost all night, I literally could not put it down. When 'Eclipse' came out, I stayed up until 3 a.m. to finish it," she said.

Becca Fritz's method of making time for reading every day is creative.

"I read while studying," she said. "I read a section in my

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Salvation Army store set to open mid-March

By Kelly Miller
Winonan

Another shopping option will soon be coming to Winona. The Salvation Army will be opening its doors in the middle of March.

The Salvation Army will be located at 1443 W. Service Drive behind Culvers in the strip mall.

The Salvation Army will create new jobs and give the community of Winona an alternative place to shop.

The Salvation Army has a strong history of giving back to the communities they belong to.

The organization dates back to 1865 and was started in

London.

The Salvation Army is most recognizable during the Christmas season, characterized by people dressed as Santa Claus and ringing bells asking people to put donations into a small red bucket to help out those in need.

All of the profits from Salvation Army will be donated back to the community of Winona, funding different organizations and helping stimulate the community.

The Salvation Army has a set of goals they will try to achieve when they open their doors in Winona in order to help out and start local organizations.

The store will come as a relief to many residents of the

Winona community, some of who traveled to La Crosse, Wis. or Rochester, Minn. to find the nearest Salvation Army.

The stores take in used goods, such as furniture or clothing, and sell them, then give the profits back into the community.

The Salvation Army has donated to more than 100 countries and territories all over the world and across the U.S.

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The Ruckus

a review that loves music almost as much as you do

Beautiful, ugly and everything in between

By Jack Chandler
Winona

For his previous album, "Post-War," roots rocker M. Ward crafted a bunch of introspective tunes that stood as a vision for life after war.

From dusty lo-fi acoustic to blues bar electric, the album captured the indifference of a generation simply "waiting on

the world to change."

Fast-forward four years and war is still news, but combat and bombs have morphed to domestic issues of money and work. Not a problem for Ward.

Naturally, Portland, Ore.'s Matt Ward sounds a little more at ease with his surroundings on newest release "Hold Time," a title that reflects both a gratification for the present

and horror for the future.

He focuses on the here and now, mostly through a batch of sunny folk-rock, while the later dwellings establish their weight through detailed big orchestra arrangements.

On the messy and anthemic "Never Had Nobody Like You," Ward teams up with She & Him band mate Zoëy Deschanel to thank the girl responsible for bringing about the voluntary change in her man.

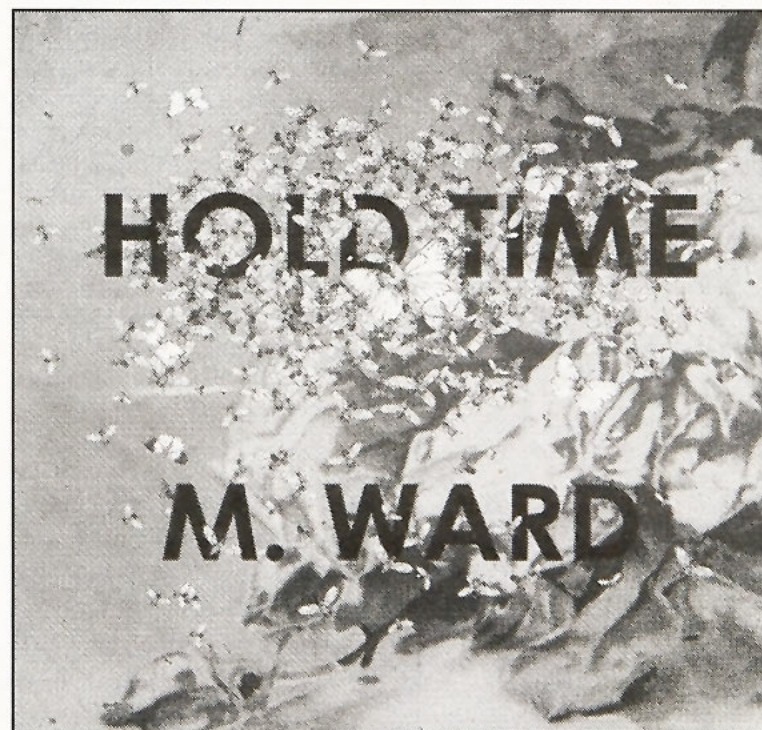
Handclaps and a rolling bass line turn this into a foot-stomping rocker of the simplest sorts. Ward's vacantly rustic croon is a perfect compliment to Deschanel's plain sweetness, and the duo makes a perfect pair, just as on She & Him's 2008 release "Volume One."

There is a true barefoot-on-the-back-roads charm to "Rave On," which slowly builds off acoustic riffing into a full melody of warm sound. Chimes, sleigh bells, and thunderous timpani rolls ease the arrangement into orchestra fade out and, surprise, Deschanel lends vocal backing for the title lyrics here as well.

The artist's detailed arrangement is the most endearing quality of "Hold Time."

Much like Beach Boy's creative director Wilson, Ward's reluctance to add string support to his gentler songs creates greater tension.

The imitation isn't anymore apparent than on "To Save Me," which uses a background vocal sample from Wilson's "Smiley Smile" and is driven by a repetitive keys refrain.



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Heavy-handed drums over the chorus widen the expanse of the director's scope.

"Whose gonna hear my help me, help me now?" queries Ward on the lonesome "Jailbird."

Though the depression of occupying a penitentiary would be a logical assumption, the cut speaks of a stranger who's a prisoner to his own habits, which are sure to leave him six feet under. Moody cinematic strings add to Ward's reverb melancholy.

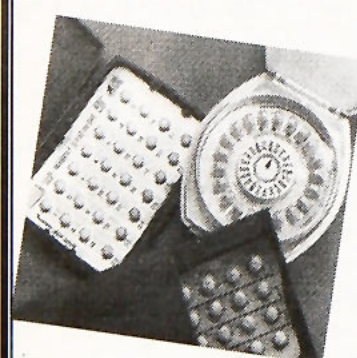
The album's title track is treacherously hesitant, capturing the effect of being stuck in a time vortex. The song is only three minutes long, but the slow bow sweeps and lazy percussion capture the artist's dilemma in space.

For the most part, "Hold Time" is collectively whole, though the Lucinda Williams assisted "Oh Lonesome" is terribly out of place as a plodding six minute blues cut that lasts twice as long as anything else on the album.

Williams' voice is perfect from the pack-a-day standpoint, gruff and unapologetic.

The influence of old tyme American rock is frequent on "Hold Time." You'd be hard pressed to find a better soundtrack for the country. Like fellow West Coast ramblers Brian Wilson or Tom Waits, M. Ward has an ear for capturing the beautiful, the ugly, and everything in between.

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'Slumdog Millionaire' sweeps 2009 Oscars

By Joe Underbakke
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Oscar Recap

Best Picture

Slumdog Millionaire

Actor in a Leading Role

Sean Penn, *Milk*

Actress in a Leading Role

Kate Winslet, *The Reader*

Directing

Slumdog Millionaire

Music (Song)

Slumdog Millionaire

Animated Feature

Wall-E

Makeup

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

Well, The Oscars ended minutes ago, and I decided it would be fitting to dedicate my article this week to re-capping the winners, the losers and how I felt about it all.

To start, I wasn't very happy with the Oscar nominations.

Some of my favorite films of the year such as "The Wrestler" and "Revolutionary Road" received minimal nominations, while films that I find slightly overrated, such as "Slumdog Millionaire," were nominated in nearly every category.

During the past few years I've really gotten into the Oscars, and I always feel disappointment and sorrow at the end of the broadcast. There is way too much politics involved to make any victory feel sincere and any defeat emotionally significant, yet I keep watching them.

I'll put the awards to the side



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"Slumdog Millionaire" swept the Oscars Sunday, winning eight Academy Awards out of nine nominations. Other award-winning films include "Milk," "Wall-E" and "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button."

for now and discuss how I felt about the broadcast itself.

Hugh Jackman, this year's

host, didn't add or detract anything from the broadcast

since his personality is

relatively stagnant. That isn't

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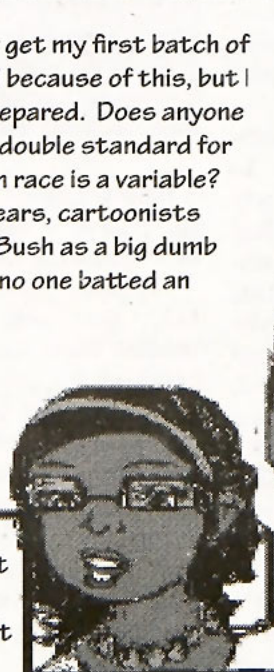
Lil' Miss Green

by Latrishia Densie



I'll probably get my first batch of hate e-mail because of this, but I think I'm prepared. Does anyone realize the double standard for humor when race is a variable? For eight years, cartoonists portrayed Bush as a big dumb chimp, and no one batted an eye-lash.

An alcoholic pet chimpanzee got shot because he chewed off a woman's face. Google that story if you haven't heard it. I'll point out the obvious... by combining the stimulus bill and the chimp shooting, the cartoonist was trying to use the old joke about trained monkeys being able to do a better job.



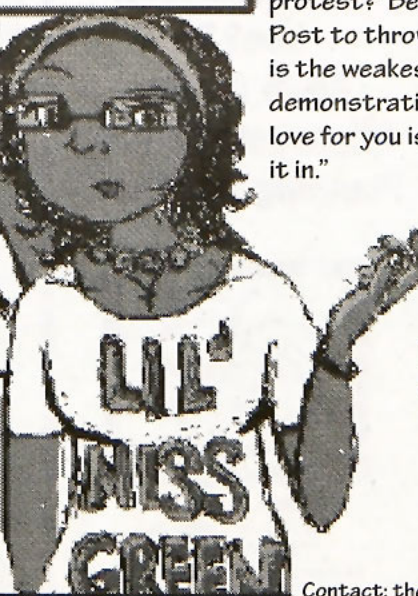
I don't think he was calling Obama a chimp. It was a weak attempt at humor — but so is what I write about every week.



As a cartoonist (well, barely), I know how difficult it is to make light of things in serious times such as these. Sometimes we try to take these events and tie them to a cliché or another even to shed a different light in hopes to pull a few laughs, or at least a weak smile.

And really Sharpton, who leads a littering protest? Besides, BUYING the New York Post to throw at its doorstep "in disgust" is the weakest, most counterproductive demonstration since the pick-up line, "My love for you is like diarrhea. I just can't hold it in."

That's a Lil' Miss perspective for ya.



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WSU empowers students to love their bodies

By Courtney Zinter
Winonan

With more than 7 million women and 1 million men struggling with eating disorders in the United States, according to the Department of Mental Health, the National Eating Disorder Association holds an Eating Disorder Awareness during the last week of February each year.

Beginning Monday, the feminist activist group, Fighting for Our Rights and Gender Equality (FORGE), has been participating in the awareness week at Winona State University with several activities including tabling to educate students and staff on eating disorders, holding a poster project and hosting a video viewing and discussion group.

The president of FORGE, Jourdan Togstad, said the group planned the "ReBELLyOn," which was named after a movement started by the lead singer of the Dresden Dolls, because of the number of women who either have eating disorders or dislike their bodies. The theme of the week is "Be a rebel, love your body."

"It is really important to recognize that many women have unhealthy relationships with their bodies and/or with food and engage in disordered eating, but do not have full blown eating disorders," Togstad said. "This issue affects women all over our campus. We don't have to buy into it, we don't have to waste all of our energy counting calories, criticizing our bodies; we can be empowered to see beauty in ourselves that is really there."

In order to get their point across, members of FORGE started a poster project in which women of are shown being proud of their bodies; many of the pictures have the theme of the week within them. Togstad said the images are being used in an attempt to change our definition of beauty.

"The poster project is intended to reframe and redefine beauty. There are images of women, all shapes and sizes, loving their bodies," Togstad said. "It is radical and rebellious to not buy into the given beauty standards of our society. When a majority of women look in a mirror and can more easily identify something they hate about themselves or something they would like to change, we have a serious problem."

Kat Koslov, a member of

FORGE, added that how society views beauty affects the way people view themselves and even changes the way people live their lives.

"I think often times people get caught up in the idea that if you don't get categorized by a doctor to have an eating disorder that you don't in fact have one," Koslov said. "However, our society promotes thin ideals that cause many people to feel they need to change their eating habits causing disordered eating. We are hoping to show that all our bodies are different and yet beautiful."

Along with the poster project, FORGE tabled at the Health and Wellness Fair Tuesday, and will be tabling in the lower hyphen today and Thursday.

The film "Thin" and a follow-up discussion will be hosted

by FORGE tonight in Purple Room 104 at 7 p.m.

Togstad said it's important for people to realize how many people face eating disorders either with their own disordered eating or through a friend or family member's problem. She added some people may not even realize they know someone with a problem.

"The most important thing to know is that a lot of people are affected by eating disorders," Togstad said. "You probably know someone who engages in behaviors or has a history with eating disorders or has a family member of close friend who does."

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Management textbook, then a chapter of a fun book. I read like, a book a day."

For Fritz, reading is something to do to get away from work and class.

"I read novels, I really like reading series because I get really involved and don't want to give up a character."

Unlike Streblow, Fritz has no problems with bringing a book to campus.

"I almost always have a book with me," she said.

"You don't really see people reading on campus; it's kind of sad, really. I like the computers, but that's all that people do. We need to have down time to be off technology," Abby Schutz said.

When she has time to read, usually on weekends when she knows she doesn't have to get up early for class, Schutz reads nonfiction, fiction based on true stories and memoirs.

"Right now, I'm reading a book by my aunt and uncle about raising their handicapped

son."


Like many people, Schutz finds it easy to get lost in a book.

"The latest I've stayed up reading at night was 4 a.m. I don't do it consciously, but I get so wrapped up in the story."

Although they may not read while on campus, students definitely read for fun, said Carol Borzykowski, a library associate at the Winona Public Library.

"We've probably got at least 3,000 students registered with library cards," she said. There are patterns in the books that students read. Lately we've seen students reading 'chick lit', like Sophie Kinsella, the 'Twilight' books and graphic novels," Borzykowski said.

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to say, however, that some of the performances he did weren't quite entertaining.

In fact, all of the side performances and songs that took place throughout the broadcast were very well done and left me with hope that the Oscars hadn't died, after all.

Some of my favorite production elements for the show were the set designs they used to present different categories of awards. For example, for costume design, art direction, etc. they had a bunch of wardrobes and other set pieces that helped create an artistic atmosphere for those awards.

With that, I'll move on to what people are actually reading this for (if anyone is reading it at all), the movies that won and, of course, the ones that lost.

The winner of the night, without question, was "Slumdog Millionaire," sweeping the Oscars and winning eight out of its nine nominations.

My reaction to this isn't very

extreme because I liked the movie, I just didn't love it like the Academy seems to. It won so many times in a row that I decided that I could get a snack with confidence and not have to worry about missing a surprise.

I would say the big loser of the night was "The Wrestler," and that's partially because I love it so much but mainly because it's true.

Snub is such an arrogant term to use because it suggests so much about how valuable your opinion is, but I'll say with confidence that "The Wrestler" was absolutely snubbed in not being nominated for either Best Original Song or Best Original Screenplay.

Nominations aside "The Wrestler" also lost the two categories it was nominated for, Best Supporting Actress for Marisa Tomei and Best Actor for Mickey Rourke.

Aside from my complaints about "The Wrestler" not winning any awards, I was also disappointed, though not surprised, that Anne Hathaway

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didn't win Best Actress for "Rachel Getting Married."

I watched this movie a week ago, and I was blown away, not only by her performance but by the movie itself.

I'll sneak in a mini-review and say that it's a great flick that really showcases how Hathaway has matured as an actress.

While it's sometimes sad to see the Oscars come and go because of all the great movies that are represented there, it's exciting to think about what's to come this year.

The end of the program featured a bunch of vignettes of upcoming films that looked very promising.

I'll be around to review a few but definitely not all of them, so if you actually look to me for movie suggestions, I'll suggest that you keep a look out for yourself.

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Pop Bloggin'

F*** our lives

By Kham Moua
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I use the term, you use the term, hell, my English-challenged grandmother uses the term: FML, or f*** my life. FML has become exceedingly popular in our face-to-face and online conversations.

I'd give an example, but I'm sure I don't need to explain how you, the reader, would use fml, do I?

Recently, I've stumbled upon a little Web site called www.fmylife.com.

The site isn't really innovative. It doesn't sell anything and its layout leaves much to be desired. But it does host the complaints of hundreds of people from all over the Internet.

If you encourage your friend to sleep with a girl who turned out to be your sister, you can f my life it.

If your boss just fired you for a little sexual harassment scandal, you just might f my life it.

If you woke up to find that the phone you threw last night was actually your pet hamster, just suck it up and f my life it.

That's how the site works: an anonymous person writes a sentence or two about why his or her life sucks.

The selling point of the site is that it shows the viewer how pathetic other people's lives are compared to his or her own.

In fact, I feel pretty happy about my life every time I pull the site up; I mean, hey, at least my girlfriend didn't dump me because she wanted a boyfriend who was more like a fictional vampire named Edward (this one is real, I swear).

The site embraces how great a place the Internet is for people in need of a quick pick-me-up.

For instance, beneath each f my life short, there are two clickable options that allow

viewers to tell the owner of said f***ed life how sympathetic they are to his or her situation. The options are "I agree, your life is f***ed" and "You deserved that one."

It always amazes me how caring Internet users are to each other.

But I've always assumed that there were three types of Internet users: the ones who encourage everything: "Oh my god, your hideous piece of junk is excellent," the ones who hate everything: "You suck! My dead grandmother can sing better than you," and everyone else. Just look at the reply options!

It seems as if the site is made for the type two Internet user: people who come for a little pick-me-up by emphasizing how messed up someone else's life is.

Nothing wrong with that, I guess.

Every time I visit the site, I'm always amazed at how funny and stupid people are, which translates to every time I visit the site, I'm always amazed at how stupid and funny I am.

The site operates along the same lines that another popular Web site, www.postsecret.com, does: it resonates with some inner human emotion that connects the reader to the anonymous writer.

Honestly though, www.fmylife.com is an extremely funny site that makes you laugh, smile, and sympathize with someone else, all in a minute or less.

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Women's BBall plays for No. 2 seed in NSIC

By Adam Stanek
Winonan

Only one word could describe the play of the Winona State University women's basketball team on senior night last Saturday at McCown Gymnasium: Dominant.

In their regular season home finale, the Warriors took care of business in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference play as Winona State (20-5 overall, 13-5 NSIC) skinned the Beavers of Bemidji State (3-22 overall, 1-17 NSIC) by a score of 82-46.

It was a record-breaking performance by the women as they broke the Winona State women's basketball record for most three-point field goals, breaking the old record of 15 by 16.

The game was never in question as the only lead Bemidji State held throughout was on the opening possession as the Beavers' Samantha Baldwin put in a layup 16 seconds into the contest to give Bemidji State a 2-0 lead.

After that possession, Winona State took complete control and cruised through the entire first half, taking a 42-18 lead into halftime.

"Defensively, we switched some people up," said Winona State head coach Scott Ballard. "We picked up full court and made it a faster paced game. I think we really wore them out as the game went on."

The Warriors got open three-point looks early and often as they knocked down 11-of-19 three-pointers in the first half.

Irony would have it that Winona State only shot 3-of-11 in the first half from inside the three-point arc.

What made the Warriors' impressive run in the first half

even more spectacular was the play of senior point guard Kelsey Homewood.

In the first half, Homewood matched the entire Bemidji State team in scoring with 18 points on 7-of-8 shooting and 6-of-7 from three-point range.

"She's playing like a senior and for the most part she's staying out of foul trouble," said Ballard. "She's playing better defense and she's taking good shots."

Winona State expanded its lead in the second half, expanding the lead by as much as 45 points.

Winona State outscored Bemidji State 40-28 in the second half, but they didn't expand their lead in the second half by knocking down threes or by hot shooting.

The Warriors only shot 39 percent in the second half and only 36 percent from the three-point arc.

Rather, Winona State took control from the free throw line.

In the second half, the Warriors shot 11-of-15 from the free throw stripe (73 percent), as Bemidji could only counter with 1-for-6 (17 percent) from the charity stripe.

The Warriors were able to gain their biggest lead at the 10:34 mark, as senior Jenny Steffen knocked down a triple at the top of the key to give Winona State a 72-27 lead.

It would be only fitting that a senior knocked down this jumper as this three-pointer broke Winona State's all-time three-point record.

Not only did Winona State break the record, but also broke it in less than 30 minutes played in the game.

The Warriors would not make another three-point basket for the remainder of the game, going 0-for-6 in the final 10



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Winona State University's Jamie Majerowicz attempts a shot during Saturday's game.

minutes, but the damage was already done.

Bemidji State did end the game by going on a 19-10 run in the final 10 minutes, but the Winona State lead was by far too strong for the Beavers to

make a possible comeback.

Winona State only outshot Bemidji State 43 percent to 39 percent as a whole for the game. However, it was the three-point arc and the charity stripe that put the Warriors over the edge.

For the game, Winona State shot 16-of-33 from the arc (49 percent) and 14-of-19 (74 percent) from the charity stripe.

Bemidji State could only

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Warriors' track and field take second place

By Chelsea Petron
Winonan

Saturday, the Warriors track and field team took second place at the UWL Triangular held at University of Wisconsin- La Crosse.

Many Warriors took their position on the podium. Some spotlight performances were brought by sophomore Emily Asuncion and freshman Rebecca Stier, both winning two events for that day.

Asuncion came up with her wins in both the 55-meter hurdles, where she had a personal best for the year with a time of 8.91 and a triple jump length of 35-2 1/2.

Stier, who has been having an outstanding breakthrough year as a freshman, threw the 20-pound weight with a length of 51-6 1/4. Following that winning throw was another in the shot put with a total of 45 5 3/4. These both are NCAA Division II national provisional

qualifying throws. This is the third straight meet in a row where she meets the standards.

In addition to Stier's and Asuncion's winning efforts, sophomore Beth Braun came up with a win in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:00.96. Freshman Nicole Drangstveit sprinted her way through the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.49. Sophomore Alyssa Lammers also took her turn on the podium after tying for first in the high jump with a height

of 5-1 1/2.

Freshman Lily Goldbach didn't disappoint with her time in the 400-meter dash, coming in second place with a time of 1:02.09.

Freshman Caitlin Dhein had another exceptional performance setting a Warrior record in the 55-meter dash with a final time of 7.20, settling her in the third place spot.

Senior Kathryn McElroy also set a third-place pace in

the 800-meter run with a time of 2:24.57. Freshman Katelyn Bailey took her position on the podium with her third place finish in the 200-meter dash with a lifetime best of 27.25.

The next meet for the Warriors is in Bemidji, where they will take on the NSIC Championships coming up on February 27-28.

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Winona State University's Ben Fischer attempts a shot during Saturday's game against Bemidji State University at McCown Gymnasium in Winona. The Warriors are 13-4 in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

Men's basketball struggles for the win against Bemidji

By Adam Stanek
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Senior night proved to be an exciting one in McCown Gymnasium as the Winona State men's basketball team hosted Bemidji State on Saturday Feb. 21.

It was a hard-fought Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference battle, but Winona State (21-6 overall, 14-4 NSIC) came out victorious against Bemidji State (8-17 overall, 6-12 NSIC), winning 98-79.

It was the last regular season home game for seniors Travis Whipple, Ryan Gargaro, Curtrell Robinson and Josh Korth.

"We are trying to focus one game at a time and what these four seniors have done for their program, they've done a lot of great things," said Winona State assistant coach Brady Moore.

Winona State jumped out early in the first half as the Warriors took an early 27-14 lead with 9:52 to go in the half.

However, Bemidji State made a furious comeback in the proceeding seven minutes.

"They knocked down some threes and changed their defense and switched to a zone," said Moore. "They were knocking down their shots and

we weren't."

Winona State would get the momentum back in the final minute of the first half.

With the score tied 44-44, Warrior guard David Johnson knocked down a three-pointer with 40 seconds left to take a 47-44 lead.

The Warriors shot 44 percent in the first half, but only shot 7-of-18 (39-percent) from the three-point arc.

However, they had no answer for Bemidji State's hot shooting as they shot 60 percent from the field in the first half, including 7-for-14 (50 percent) from the three-point arc.

Winona State was able to take advantage of turnovers in the first half, forcing eight Beaver turnovers while the Warriors only committed three.

In typical Warrior fashion, the tides turned in the second half.

Winona State came out of the gate early and beat the Beavers back into submission with blazing, hot shooting offense in the second half.

Winona State would shoot a blazing 65 percent from the field in the second half and 67 percent from the three-point arc.

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Warriors' baseball season kicks off to a rocky start

By Addison Albrecht
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The Winona State University baseball team fell 1-2 with the season kick-off after coming up short in an ambitious effort to take down the 18th-ranked Central Missouri Mules in a non-conference matchup on Sunday.

In a game where the Warriors were trying to test the waters against a traditionally strong program, the Mules proved to be too much to handle on their way to handing Winona State a 17-5 defeat.

Central Missouri shortstop Ben Schwartz got it started for the Mules when he scored on a wild pitch in the first inning. Things didn't get much better for sophomore pitcher Andrew DeSousa as he allowed another run to score on a wild pitch in that same inning. By the end of the first, DeSousa had allowed five earned runs but at least kept the game within reach.

A strong third inning got the Warriors right back into the game for the time being. Freshman outfielder Tony Mueller hit a two-run double to continue his blazing start to the season. Mueller finished the day with three hits and two

runs batted in. Not bad for the third collegiate game of his promising career.

Ronnie Olson capped the scoring for the inning by enabling Mueller to score on his triple, pulling the Warriors within two runs to 5-3. That was as close as Winona State would get.

Another rough inning ensued immediately after the offensive outburst. An error by Warrior third baseman Dru Mickelson sparked another five-run inning for Central Missouri. John Oropeza's two run double increased the margin to 7-3, ending DeSousa's day. The Mules were able to tack on three more runs by the end of the inning, snowballing their lead to 10-3.

To the Warriors' credit, they didn't completely throw in the towel at that point. They put up two runs in the fifth inning as Olson doubled home another run before scoring himself.

However, a seven run, five of which were earned, sixth inning for the Mules off of Warrior relief pitcher Zach Rickaway, completely ruined the competitive nature of the game. In the end, Central Missouri rode fourteen hits and ten walks to a stat-stuffing win.

Leading the way for the Mules were Schwartz and Oropeza, as they accounted for six RBIs together and two runs apiece.

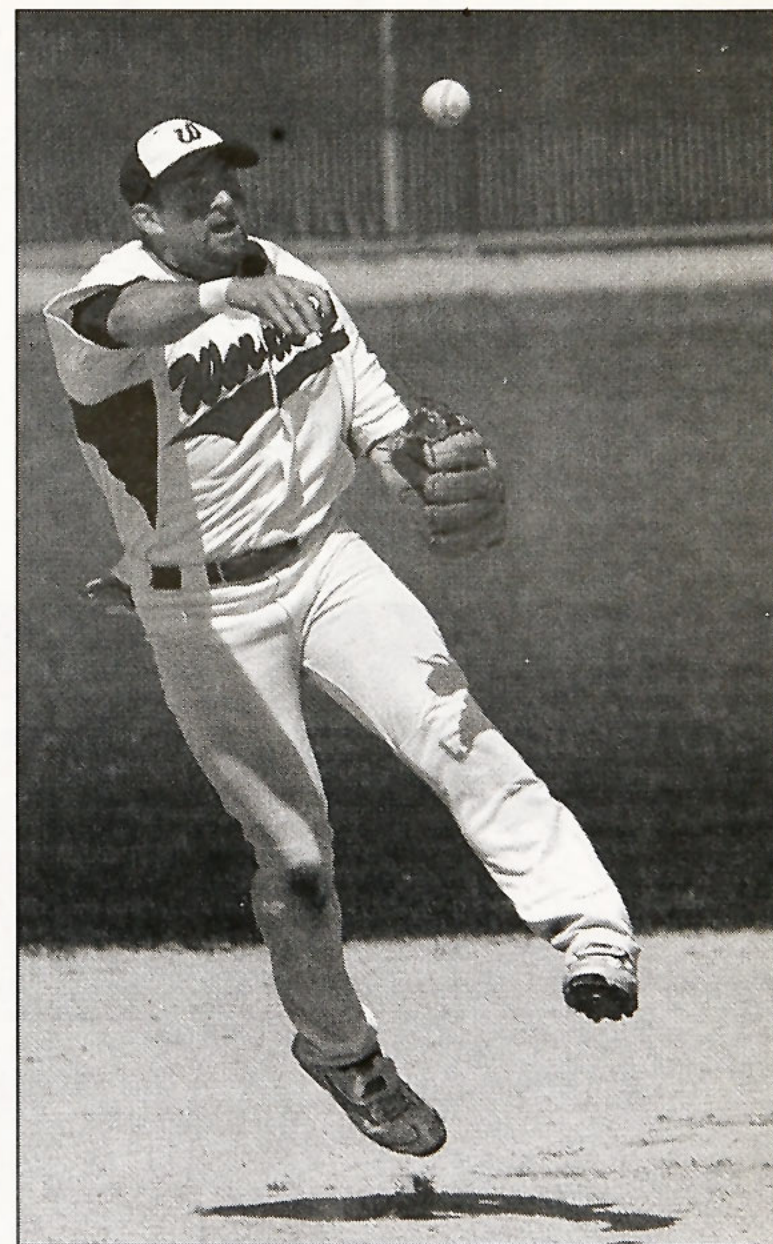
Additionally, Central Missouri took advantage of what Winona State Head Coach Kyle Pooch hopes was uncharacteristically sloppy fielding. Pooch felt the third inning error was particularly costly as it prevented them from "having a shut-down inning after we score runs."

In the eyes of Coach Pooch, the Mules' ability to "pound the strike zone" made the biggest difference in the disappointing defeat. It's not hard to see why, considering that nine Warrior hitters struck out and just three Mules did so. One of the few bright spots for the Warriors was the play of Mueller.

"I was just being patient and hitting the pitches I wanted," Mueller said.

Before losing to the Mules on Sunday, the Warriors split two games with the 26th-ranked Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks. Their next opponent is Lynn University, who they will play Saturday and Sunday.

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Winona State University shortstop Ben Smothers throws to first base for an out during a game last spring. The Warriors are 1-2 on the current season.

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"Offensively, we moved the ball well," said Moore about the team's transition to the second half. "We were patient and waited until we got a good shot."

Bemidji State tried to rally by going on a 7-0 run in the next two minutes, as Patrick Cassidy tried to will his team by scoring all seven points during that run.

However, Winona State went on a huge run in the next nine minutes, going on a 26-9 run to expand the Warriors' lead to 96-72 with 1:49 to go, putting the game completely out of

reach for the Beavers.

Winona State shot 33-of-62 (53 percent), 15-of-30 (50 percent) from the three-point arc and 17-of-21 (81 percent) for the entire game.

Bemidji State shot 29-of-58 (50 percent), 11-of-24 (46 percent) from the three-point arc and 10-of-15 (66 percent) from the charity stripe.

Johnson carried five Warriors in double-figures with a dominating performance, scoring 29 points on 9-of-15 shooting, 4-for-7 from the three-point arc and 7-of-8 from

the charity stripe, while also ripping down eight rebounds.

"I think it was a little funk but I think he's a great overall shooter," said Moore about Johnson's play the last couple weeks. "He usually makes the right read and is good coming off a screen."

Winona State's men climbed up to No. 4 in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division II Central Region Rankings, only behind No. 1 Southwest Minnesota State, No. 2 Fort Lewis and No. 3 Metro State.

Winona State hopes to climb up in the polls this week as No. 2 Fort Lewis lost on Friday night and No. 6 Minnesota State lost a tough home game to Southwest Minnesota State while No. 5 Northern State lost on Friday and Saturday night to Wayne State College and Augustana College (S.D.).

The Warriors will have a chance to claim no worse than second place in the NSIC with a win tonight against the Upper Iowa Peacocks in Fayette, Iowa.

Winona State will close out

the season with a tough game in St. Cloud this Saturday as the St. Cloud State Huskies, who are currently No. 7 in the Central Region poll, are fighting for their playoff lives.

Winona State will be offering a fan bus to the St. Cloud State game.

The cost of the fan bus plus the ticket will be \$30 and payment can be made with cash or check to the Winona State athletic office in Memorial Hall or the Student Union office.

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counter with 5-of-20 from the arc (25 percent) and 1-of-9 (11 percent) from the free throw line.

Winona State put away Bemidji State in the floor game as the Warriors forced the Beavers into committing 17 turnovers.

On top of that, Winona State took advantage by outscoring Bemidji 28-4 off of turnovers.

On the whole, Homewood put together a great game for the Warriors as she finished with 20 points on 7-of-8 shooting, 5-of-6 from the three-point arc, 1-for-1 from the charity stripe, all while tallying five assists and plucking away four steals.

Steffen joined her with 20 points on 6-of-15 shooting, 6-of-13 from the three-point arc, 2-for-2 from the free throw line and gathered six rebounds.

Junior guard Ana Wurtz joined them in double-figures with 14 points on 5-of-11 shooting and 4-for-8 from the three-point arc.

Baldwin and Sydney Epema led the way for the Beavers, each scoring 14 points.

After Winona State skyrocketed up to No. 4 in the Division II National Collegiate Athletic Association Central Region Rankings last week, the Warriors got some help this week.

No. 2-ranked Fort Lewis, No. 3-ranked Minnesota State-Moorhead and No. 5-ranked Augustana (S.D.) all lost one game this weekend, helping the Warriors chances of climbing even further up the regional rankings.

Currently, Winona State is playing for the No. 2 seed in the women's NSIC tournament.

The Warriors are currently tied with Augustana for second in the NSIC with a 13-5 record.

Winona State closes out their regular season with two road games, a game tonight in Fayette, Iowa against the Upper Iowa Peacocks and a game Saturday night at St. Cloud State.

"I like this setup and our trip

on Wednesday is not a long trip," said Ballard, referring to the change of scheduling for the last week of NSIC play. "We are fortunate to have that. When you are playing well, you don't want to practice four days in a row."

Saturday's game against the Huskies will be an important one for the Warriors, as St. Cloud is tied for fourth in the conference with MSU-Moorhead at 12-6.

"I'm glad we are playing St. Cloud because it is a good tune-up for the NCAA tournament," said Ballard. "We have a lot to play for each game this week. St. Cloud won the first meeting. We need to try and revenge that loss or they will have a sweep on us and that could have an effect in the regional rankings."

Winona State will be offering a fan bus for Saturday's game in St. Cloud.

The bus will leave from the Memorial Hall parking lot or Alltel Wireless Stadium parking lot at noon on Saturday.

In order to sign up for the fan bus, \$30 must be brought to the athletic office in Memorial Hall or the Student Union office in Kryzsko Commons.

Payment includes bus fare and ticket and only cash or check will be accepted.

The deadline for fan bus sign up is noon Wednesday.

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Winona State University's Bonnie Bjorke tries to get past a Bemidji State University defender during Saturday's game at McCown Gymnasium in Winona.

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